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SUBJ: IPU MEETING IN ABIDJAN, APRIL 23-28

REF STATE 51038

1. SRI LANKA DELEGATION TO IPU WILL CONSIST OF FOLLOWING:

MINISTER OF IRRIGATION, POWER AND HIGHWAYS MAITHRIPALA

SENANAYEKE

MR. SAMSON S. WIJESINGHA, CLERK OF NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY

2. BIO DATA PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED. NOTE THAT MINISTER IS NO.

2 MAN IN GSL.

3. SRI LANKA CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH HARD ECONOMIC TIMES WITH ADVERSE BALANCE OF TRADE AND SOME RESIDUAL POLITICAL UNEASINESS IN WAKE OF 1971 INSURRECTION WHICH NEARLY OVERTHREW GOVERNMENT. MIN IS QUITE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT AGRICULTURAL IMPORT SUBSTITUTION TO ALLEVIATE CURRENT VERY HEAVY FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPENDITURES, ESPECIALLY FOR IMPORT OF RICE AND WHEAT FLOUR. HE SEEKS ADEQUATE INCENTIVES FOR FARMERS TO PRODUCE BY MEANS HIGHER PRICE FOR RICE PURCHASES (GOVERNMENT IS SOLE PURCHASER BY LAW). U. S. DELEGATES MAY ALSO WISH INQUIRE AS TO HIS VIEWS ON GSL EFFORTS TO BRING PRICE STRUCTURE, NOW
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DISTORTED BY VARIOUS SUBSIDIES , INTO CLOSER LINE WITH ECONOMIC REALITY. SRI LANKA HAS WELFARE STATE WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDING FREE RICE TO ALMOST EVERYONE, FREE MEDICAL CARE, FREE EDUCATION THROUGH UNIVERSITY, AND HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED TRANSPORT AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES AS WELL AS OTHER FOODSTUFFS, SUCH AS PL 480 WHEAT FLOUR WHICH IS SOLD TO CONSUMER BELOW COST.

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